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# Xavier delegation greets Pontiff



Xavier President Father Michael Graham, S.J., greets his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Fr. Graham and a delegation from Xavier traveled to Rome to attend the First Lay Conference on Catholic-Jewish relations from October 21-25. Other attendees of the conference included Rabbi Abie Ingber (pictured third from left), director for Hillel at Xavier; James Buchanan, director for Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue; Art Shriberg, professor of management and entrepreneurship; Jewish student Michael Loban; and SGA President Maggie Meyer.

# Stats show campus crime increase

Crime	OffCampus			
	2004	2005	2006	2006
Aggravated assault	0	0	1	0
Burglary	22	8	14	8
Forcible sex offenses	1	4	3	8
Motor vehicle theft	4	3	0	2
Arson	4	3	0	2
Liquor law arrests	1	2	1	N/A
Liquor law citations	55	54	810*	N/A
Drug abuse citations	7	11	48*	N/A
Drug law arrests	0	0	0	N/A

**MATTHEW FINGER**  
*Managing Editor*

Crime on Xavier's campus is on the decline, while off-campus incidents are slowly but noticeably increasing, according to Xavier Campus Police statistics.

The most noticeable change in Xavier's crime statistics, which covers through March of 2006, has been the increased number of alcohol arrests and citations. But this boom in liquor law citations is not because of increased consumption but rather from a new system being employed by the university to track and record alcohol violations.

Among other notable statistics are the zero reported robberies, homicides on campus and only one aggravated assault, which occurred in 2006. There were also no motor vehicle thefts, and since 2004 there have been no hate crimes committed on campus.

Compared to the crime statistics from 1998 and 1999, however, crime at Xavier has increased. According to the November 1, 2000 edition of *the Newswire*, there were no sexual offenses on or off campus, and only five counts of burglary. This, compared to the 52 reported burglaries and 16 sexual offenses between 2004 and 2006, shows a dramatic increase in reported incidents.

# Two area residents robbed at gunpoint near campus

**PATRICK STEVENSON**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

On Oct. 24 and 25, two area residents were robbed at gunpoint just across the street from the Xavier campus according to Campus Police.

The first robbery, which occurred behind the Ezzell auto parts store on Dana and Ledgewood avenues, was reported to Campus Police at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 24 by an area resident. The victim fled when he was approached by the suspects, who proceeded to fire a shot at the victim from a 9 mm handgun.

This robbery was committed by two armed men, described as 20-24 year old African-Americans dressed in black.

The next day, on Oct. 25 at 12:05 p.m., an employee

of Dynamic Industries reported that he had been robbed at gunpoint by two men at the Dynamic Industries warehouse on Woodburn Avenue.

The robbery was committed by two armed men, described as 16-20 year old African-Americans dressed in black.

Officer Kenneth Grossman of the Xavier Campus Police said that since the descriptions are similar, the robberies may have been committed by the same perpetrators, but as of now, police are unsure.

Although the robberies occurred off-campus and didn't involve any Xavier students, faculty or staff, Xavier officials are still concerned that no arrests have been made in regards to the robberies.

"We are increasing [police] visibility in and around the Ledgewood parking lot," said Grossman.

When asked if he would discourage students from parking in the Ledgewood parking lot at night, Grossman responded that "the Ledgewood lot is well-lit



Campus Police has been increasing their presence in the area surrounding the Ezzell Auto Parts plant, where an area resident was robbed at gunpoint on Oct. 24.

and well-patrolled, so students shouldn't be afraid of parking there."

However, Grossman did encourage everyone to be more careful about walking in the area surrounding campus. "Just as [campus police] are increasing our vis-

ibility in the area, we expect students, faculty and staff to increase their awareness of their surroundings in the area surrounding campus."

Some concern has been raised about the lack of student awareness of these robberies.

Sylvia Bessegato, Associate Vice President of Emergency Management at Xavier admitted that Xavier's current policy of notifying students via an announcement on the portal may not be an effective enough method.

"Had a student been involved in this, we would have taken more measures to notify people," said Bessegato. "However, if many students were unaware of these robberies, we may have needed to post bulletin notifications on campus."

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Leader nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Emerging Leaders Retreat that will be held on Jan. 25 and 26. Nominations for freshmen and sophomores can be brought to the Office of Student Involvement, Room 320 in Gallagher, or emailed to xuplt@xavier.edu. For more information call x3662.

Coffee hour

There will be a Spanish coffee hour 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in the Faces of the World lounge on the 2nd floor of the GSC. Contact mckinneys1@xavier.edu or call x2872 for more information.

Etiquette dinner

An etiquette dinner is being held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cintas Banquet Room. The Etiquette Dinner is a great chance to learn professional dining etiquette while networking with employers over a four-course meal. For more information, contact csc@xavier.edu or call x3141.

GOAL panel

Join the Gentleman Organized for Achievement and Leadership (G.O.A.L.) in a panel and open forum discussion at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in Albers 103. The discussion will be centered on the state of the Black Athlete in America. The scope of conversation will range from NFL superstars to Olympic gold medalists. Come hear opinions of Xavier student athletes and share your own. Contact Aaron Marble at marblea@xavier.edu for more information.

Fredin scholarship

Application for the Fredin Memorial Scholarship must be completed and returned on Monday, Nov. 5, to Alter Hall room 124. Information and applications for the 2008-09 Fredin Memorial Scholarships are available from the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences in Alter Hall. The recipients will be announced in December. Contact Mary Behan at x3171 for more information.



Professor Profile: Fr. John LaRocca

MEGAN JACOBS  
Staff Writer

The Jesuit tradition is one of the reasons that many students decide to come to Xavier. Not only do Jesuits live in the dorms, but Fr. John LaRocca, S.J., resident Jesuit of Kuhlman, cooks pasta for the students every Friday. LaRocca, who teaches European History and a class on Tudor England, shares even more of himself with students.

**Q: What is your favorite thing about Xavier?**

A: The people, including students, my colleagues and the support and maintenance staff. It just tends to be an incredibly friendly place.

**Q: What is your least favorite thing about Xavier?**

A: It is a good and a bad thing. The good thing is that we are more than the sum of our parts. We manage to do a lot of really good things, but it could be done better if we had more money.

**Q: If you had a time machine, what time period would you go back and visit?**

A: Early Modern England. I have probably read more laws for that time period than modern laws, and because the Jesuits were founded in the period that I teach.

**Q: What is your favorite movie based on a historical event?**

A: I have two. The first is “A Man for All Seasons.” It is just a really good history movie. Another movie I like because of the costumes and sets is “Lion in Winter,” but the dialogue is pure 20th century.

**Q: What is your favorite part of teaching history?**

A: Teaching freshmen courses and watching what happens to students in the course of a year as they learn to write and think and seeing the light go on behind their eyes when they understand something and get really excited about it.

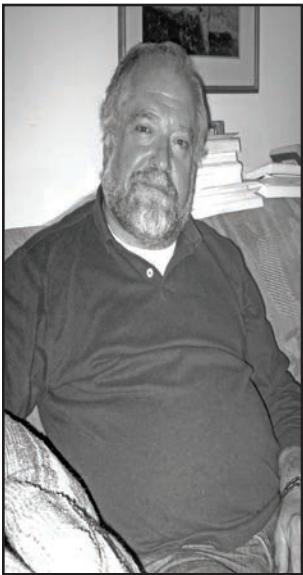


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**Q: If you had to choose an area of expertise, other than Tudor and Stuart England, what would you choose? Why?**

A: I would like to learn two or three foreign languages. I am learning Italian and I have more control over that than I did over the French and German I took in high school and college. I would probably also learn German and Arabic.

**Q: If you were a contestant on “Survivor,” what would be the one item you would take that you can’t live without?**

A: My iPod.

**Q: If you could meet one historical figure, who would you choose?**

A: Ignatius of Loyola.

**Q: When do you serve pasta to the students?**

A: Every Friday I am home between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. I have an open house for students to come and get pasta.

**Q: If you were able to live anywhere else, where would it be?**

A: New York City. It is my home. The place is always alive, the subway never stops running. There is so much to do there.

**Q: What is your favorite kind of pasta?**

A: I like heavier pasta like spaghetti or fettuccini with tomato sauce.

**Q: When did you decide to start cooking pasta for the students?**

A: In 1984, about five RAs came knocking on my door and said if they did the dishes, could they have the leftovers? And so I did and then I thought what the heck? I started having an open house.

**Q: If you weren’t a professor, what would you be doing?**

A: I would probably teach high school or run a parish.

**Q: Do you have any advice for your students?**

A: Work hard. Major in something that excites you because it will shape you and the way you look at the world. Get involved with extracurriculars, but know that this is a university and at the center of that is academics.

**Q: Is there anything else you think your students should know about you?**

A: They find out a lot about me in class.

2007 Election Guide

STEPHANIE METZ

Assistant Campus News Editor

Although all Xavier students can choose to register to vote in Hamilton County, where he or she lives determines the ballot they use on election day, Nov. 6.

Students living on campus are voting within the city of Cincinnati. However, depending where off-campus students live, they may be voting in the Cincinnati or Norwood elections.

On-campus voters can vote in the Gallagher Center from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Students voting in Cincinnati will vote for nine City Council Members, three Cincinnati School District Board Members and one Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge for District 2.

Students voting in the city of Norwood will elect Norwood’s Mayor, Auditor, President of Norwood City Council, Law Director and three Norwood City Council members, according to the ward in which they reside. Norwood residents will also elect two Norwood School District Board Members and one Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge for District 4.

**Cincinnati and Norwood voters can vote on the following issues:**

**State Issue #1: Adult entertainment restrictions**

Issue 1 is a state issue dealing with Senate Bill 16 regarding “the operation of sexually oriented businesses and adult entertainment establishments.” The bill deals with enforcing state legislation on sexually oriented businesses, their business hours and the conduct of customers and employees. The bill also prohibits customers and employees of these businesses from touching each other while on the premises or while nude. It stipulates that violations of the no-touch laws will result in a fourth or first degree



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**Local Issue #27: Jail Tax**

Issue 27 would increase the sales tax over the next 15 years in order to support Criminal Justice Services in Hamilton County including expansion of jail space, rehabilitation programs for both adults and juveniles as well as crime prevention programs.

**Local Issue #28: Drug addiction and mental health programs**

Issue 28 is a renewal and increase of a tax to provide funding for Hamilton County alcohol and drug addiction programs, mental health programs and mental health facilities over the next five years beginning in 2008.

**Local Issue #29: Senior Services Tax**

Issue 29 is a renewal and increase of a tax to support Senior Citizens Services over the next five years beginning in 2008.

**Local Issue #39: Norwood tax**

Norwood voters only can vote on Issue 39. This issue is a renewal of a tax to support the City of Norwood’s operating expenses. The tax would take effect in 2008 and would be active for the next five years.

**Local Issue #22: Levy for school district**

Cincinnati voters only can vote on Issue 22, a proposed tax levy to benefit the Cincinnati City School District. This tax levy includes a levy for \$65 million and a levy for \$0.995 of every hundred dollars over the next five years beginning in 2008.

More information about voter registration, polling locations, hours and ballots can be found at the League of Women Voters website, <http://www.lwvcincinnati.org/> or the Hamilton County Board of Elections website, <http://www.hamilton-co.org/BOE/>.

Former boy-band member runs for city council

Former ‘98” member, Justin Jeffre is running for Cincinnati City Council in the Nov. 6 election.

Jeffre is running on a campaign based on fighting for the rights of all and allowing people more say in their government.

He also wants Cincinnati’s anti-marijuana laws, which he said are too tough on small-time offenders, repealed because he said, “the

city’s draconian anti-marijuana laws are pushing a disproportionate amount of African-Americans into the criminal justice system, and we need to repeal it.”

His campaign promises also include revitalizing the riverfront and improving mass transportation.

Jeffre ran for mayor in 2005, but received less than two percent of votes.

Jeffre planned, but did

not succeed, in creating a documentary or reality TV show based on his campaign.

Since then, Jeffre created a grassroots media project called the “Cincinnati Beacon.”

“The Beacon” features interviews with local politicians, investigative reporting, labor news and views of what’s happening in Cincinnati.



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Justin Jeffre



# POLICE NOTES

**Oct. 22, 12:00 p.m.-** A student reported a hit-and-run accident in the R-1 lot.

**Oct. 23, 1:27 p.m.-** A student reported that someone tampered with his bicycle parked in a Village hallway.

**Oct. 23, 6:07 p.m.-** An officer on patrol discovered the gated entrance to the Zumbiel property had been damaged.

**Oct. 23, 9:31 p.m.-** A student and a guest were cited for smoking marijuana in a residence hall.

**Oct. 25, 5:51 p.m.-** A non-student was arrested in the C-1 lot on two outstanding warrants.

**Oct. 27, 3:07 p.m.-** Campus Police investigated a roommate dispute in the Commons. The matter was handed over to Res Life.

**Oct. 27, 5:53 p.m.-** A student reported that the rear sliding glass door in the Village apartment had been broken.

**Oct. 28, 12:26 a.m.-** A student observed urinating in the woods near the Health Center was cited for underage consumption and indecency.

**Oct. 28, 12:57 a.m.-** A student carrying an open container in the Elet lot was cited for underage consumption.

**Oct. 28, 2:04 a.m.-** An officer on patrol checked on a non-student vomiting out of a parked car window in the Zumbiel lot. The non-student and a student in the car were both cited for underage consumption and transported to their residences.

**Oct. 28, 2:47 a.m.-** Two non-students dressed in baby costumes were escorted out of Husman Hall after being observed trying to kick in doorways.

## Police Note of the Week

**Oct. 28, 2:57 a.m. –**A student dressed in all black was seen pointing a toy gun into the air at the corner of Woodburn Avenue and Dana Avenue. When asked about the situation, the student said he was in his Halloween costume. The student was warned about the dangers of dressing like a suspect in a known robbery and had the toy gun confiscated.

# Biolog-ical chairs

MEGAN JACOBS  
*Staff Writer*  
Biology Chair and professor of vertebrate anatomy Carolyn Chambers has accepted a job as the Dean of Science, Engineering and Math at Cerritos College in Los Angeles, leaving an opening in the Biology department.

The two main issues concerning her departure are who will teach the vertebrate anatomy classes and who will be the Biology Department Chair.

Chambers assures that students' class schedules will not be affected. Several teachers switched schedules to fill gaps to help students taking vertebrate anatomy next semester.

Associate Professor Lisa Close-Jacob said that Dr. Dorothy Engle agreed to become the new chair. Furthermore, the vertebrate anatomy lecture will be taught by Dr. Rebecca Code, a faculty member at Ohio University College of Medicine next semester.



Dr. Carolyn Chambers



Dr. Dorothy Engle

# BRIEFS

## Guitar concert

There will be a classical guitar concert hosted by Thomas Vilotean from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the Gallagher Theater. Contact huber@xavier.edu or call x3161 for more information.

## Stargazing trip

The Outdoor Club is hosting a trip to the Hyde Park Observatory from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4. The club will be meeting at Bellarmine circle at 5 p.m. to carpool to the observatory. There will be a cookout with s'mores followed by stargazing and a tour. RSVP with Amy at westheimera@xavier.edu.

## Speaker series

The first installment of this year's Third Annual Vision of Hope Speakers Series is at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5 in Kelley Auditorium. Dr. Ron Glossop will be speaking on "Democratic World Order: The Challenge of Permanent Peace — Moving Toward a Democratic World." For additional information, please contact Patrick Welage at welage@xavier.edu or call x3768.

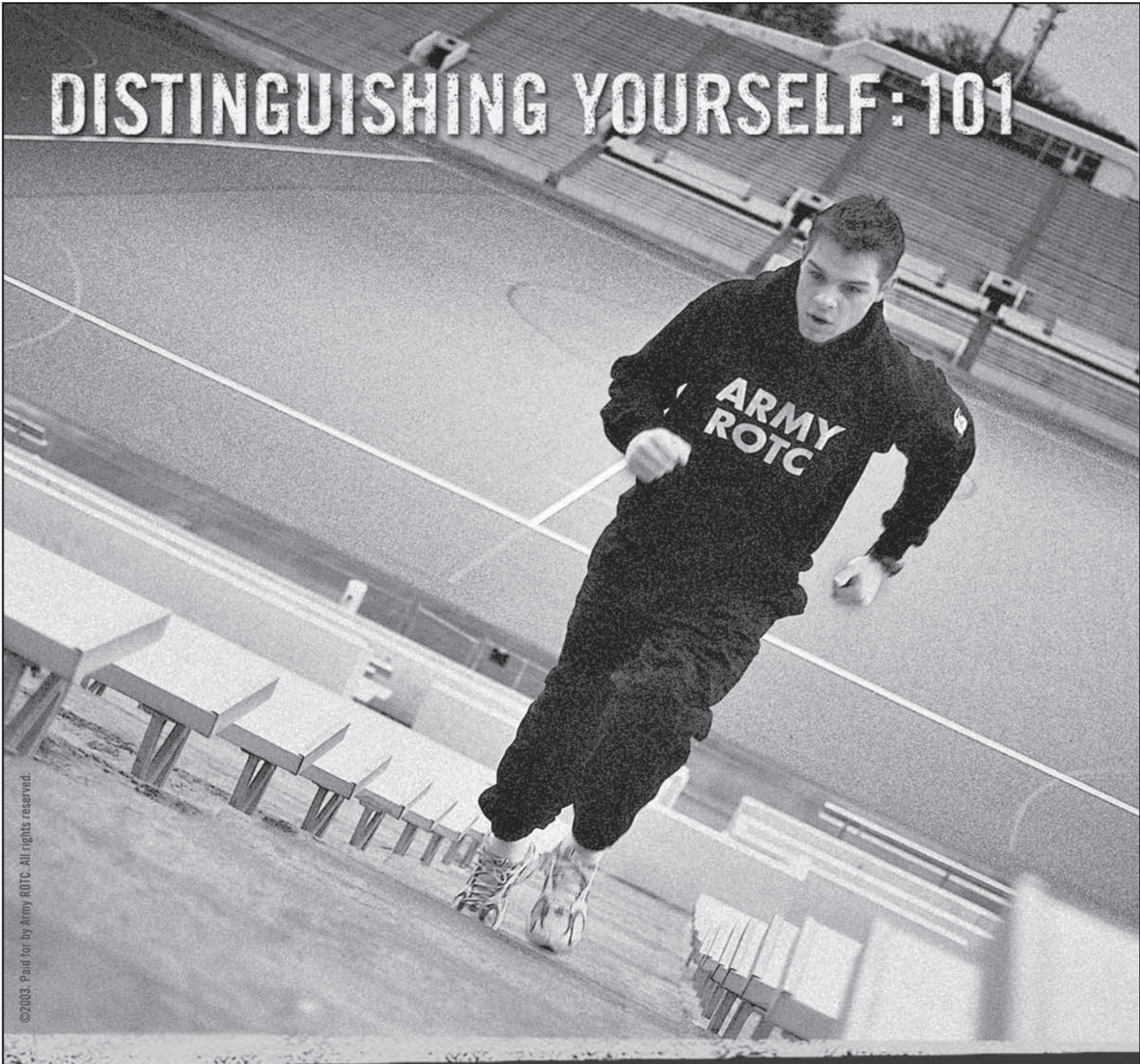
## Approach retreat

Applications for the Approach retreat for sophomores, juniors and seniors are now available at the Loyola House. The registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 5. Only the first 20 men and 20 women to sign up will get to attend, so sign up early to make sure that you reserve your spot. The retreat will take place from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 at Milford Jesuit Spiritual Center. The cost is \$50 with a \$25 deposit. The retreat will allow you to focus on your relationship with yourself, others and God. Contact Mike Shawver in Campus Ministry at x3321 or shawverm@xavier.edu for more information.

## Peace Diet

Advocates for Animals club will be hosting Dr. Will Tuttle at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, in the first floor Banquet Hall of Cintas Center. Dr. Tuttle will be discussing his groundbreaking book, "The World Peace Diet," which describes the invisible connections between what we eat and the psychological, social, spiritual, health and environmental problems we face. This event is free for students and faculty and \$5 for the general public. Contact afoxavier@yahoo.com for more information.

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2007 Professional Etiquette Seminar  
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The Career Services Center and Williams College of Business are hosting the Professional Etiquette Seminar & Networking Dinner on November 1, 2007. This event allows for representatives from organizations and students to begin building relationships that will hopefully translate into internship and full time opportunities. Student will also learn proper dining etiquette for interviewing, networking, and event meals. The seminar will be facilitated by Robin Thompson of Etiquette-Network.

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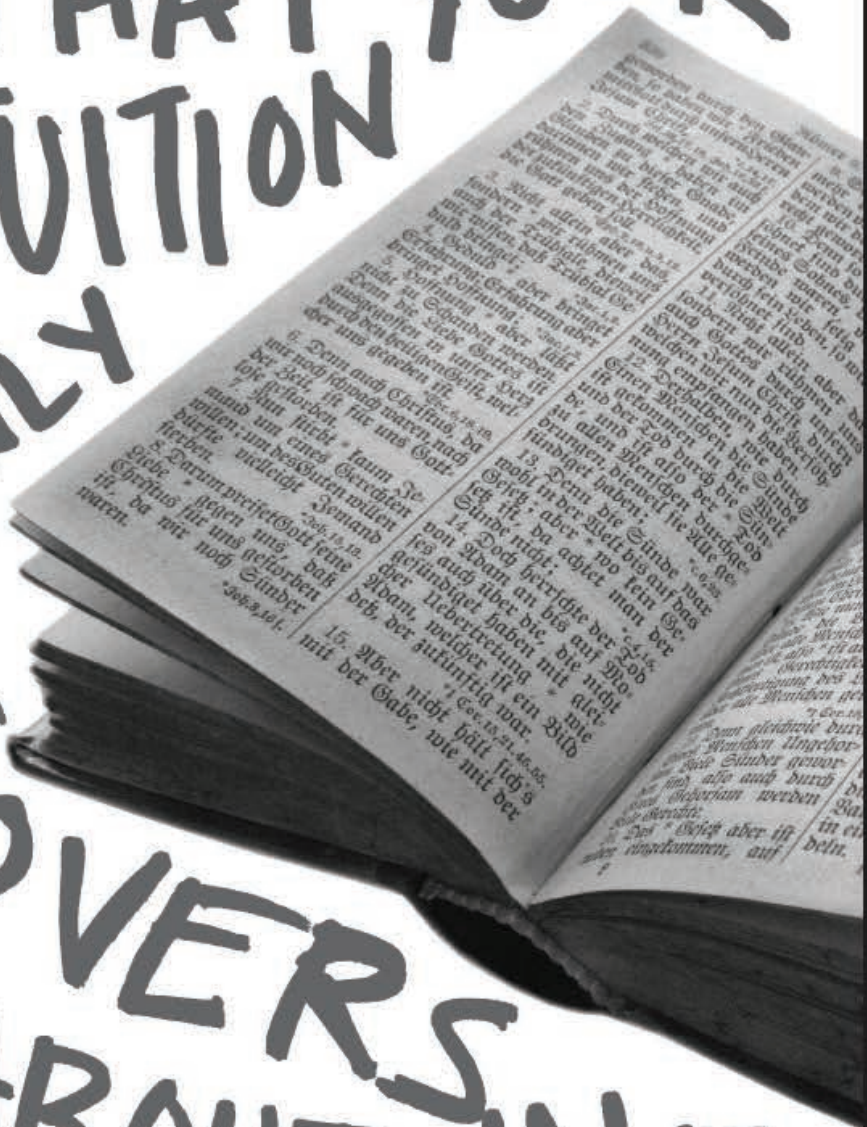
  
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— MALL TALK —

With Jeff McMurray

“In lieu of recent robberies near campus, do you still feel safe?”



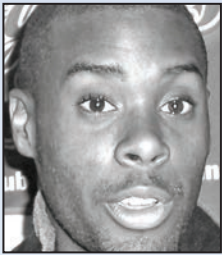
Claire Silato  
Class of '09

“Yeah, until it gets dark.”



MK Dobrosielski  
Class of '08

“I’m more worried about getting hit by a car on Dana.”



Derek Brinkley  
Class of '08

“Yeah, definitely.”



Dave Sandmann  
Class of '08

“Yes. My roommate has ninja stars.”



Matt Mellon  
Class of '09

“I guess I should start locking my car now.”



Ryan Reichert  
Class of '08

“With Chief Grady and his Super Troopers at the helm, who couldn’t?”



Nithin Kesireddy  
Class of '11

“There were robberies?”



Maria Gross  
Class of '08

“Yeah, because I have some pretty sweet bow staff skills.”

Xavier: let’s go green

Xavier has taken great environmental steps in recent years, from implementing more efficient washing machines to committing to green standards (LEED Silver) for the new buildings planned for Xavier’s campus.

Xavier’s administration has recognized the devastating effects carbon emissions have on the environment and has taken the responsibility to clean up its act. However, despite these improvements and new higher standard for new buildings, the addition means an increase to our total campus output of greenhouse gasses and negative impact on the environment.

With reports that the Arctic is melting far faster than scientists predicted, and with the dirty energy industry responsible for countless illnesses and deaths each year, it’s time for Xavier to diminish our carbon footprint as we expand campus. Our administration has taken great steps to improve the energy efficiency on campus, but we students need to show them that

there is more that can be done—and that we want them to do it! We need to seize the opportunity to move toward carbon neutrality and to join other colleges and universities in becoming role models for the rest of society.

Students must rise to the challenge by teaming up with over 20 national organizations asking the administration to sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), pledging to reduce Xavier’s emissions to zero through energy conservation and purchasing more renewable energy.

We need big changes, we need leadership and we need Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., our president, to stand up and take action with us. When we leave Xavier we’re not just looking for jobs, but a healthy, prosperous and just world for all people. Over 400 schools have already signed the ACUCC and taken steps to tackle the challenge of our generation, but where’s Xavier?

We need Fr. Graham to sign

the ACUPCC and make a plan to reduce our school’s emissions to zero. But we also need you, our fellow students, to join us in the most important social justice movement of our lives. Look for energy saving tips around campus, get involved with Campus Climate Challenge by emailing sam.thomeczek@gmail.com, and most importantly, show others how important environmental responsibility is to you.

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•Letters should be kept to a maximum of 250 words. *This is a point that the letter writers are having a hard time following. PLEASE try to keep your commentary as succinct as possible so everyone gets a chance to be heard.*

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•If you are a students submitting a letter for publication, please include your class year.

•Finally, if you wish to submit a longer piece in the form of a column (no more than 650 words), you are more than welcome to do so. Please, no poetry.

What’s happened to Halloween?



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Above: Little girls are caught embracing the innocence of Halloween.  
Below: College girls are caught embracing promiscuity and little fabric.



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For the last couple of years, I have witnessed a weird phenomenon on Halloween night. I don’t know what it is, but when the 31st of October comes around, people start acting crazy and morphing into new creatures. One of the things I have witnessed is good, wholesome girls turning into slutty, promiscuous ladies. Guys transform into pimps, terrorists or their favorite athletes. I’ve even witnessed one person dressed up as Adolf Hitler. What makes someone believe it is permissible to dress like that just because it’s Halloween?

Maybe I’m missing the mark, but isn’t Halloween all about scaring people and having fun? These days the only people who would be scared are mommy and daddy when they see their sweet ole Sally walking around from the corner.

When we were younger, we thought it was cool to be scary on Halloween. We put on face paint, claws, and fake fangs to be the scariest kid in class. As we get older, it seems like the only thing we’re scared of is waking up the day after and wondering whether we caught some ghoulish disease.

Talking to many people around campus I found a very interesting trend. I remember in mid-September I was just talking about Halloween with some classmates. The guys were just brainstorming ideas and bouncing them back and forth off each other. On the other hand, it seemed like the girls had already picked out and ordered their costumes. They knew the exact measurements and details of the costume. Some girls even had up to three costumes dedicated for the weekend of Halloween.

It’s funny how in elementary

school, guys seemed to be the ones who were into Halloween and costumes. I remember one year, I was a pretty scary vampire complete with a sweet cape. That was a top of the line, pricey outfit, let me tell you. Absolutely terrifying.

Now that I’m in college, things seem a little different. Guys will throw together outfits from old clothes, while girls will spend up to \$30 dollars for an outfit that maybe covers 30 percent of their bodies.

Don’t get me wrong now, I have NO COMPLAINTS about the costume showing off the goods, but is it really worth it? Is it possible these days to be “Sexy and Classy,” simultaneously?

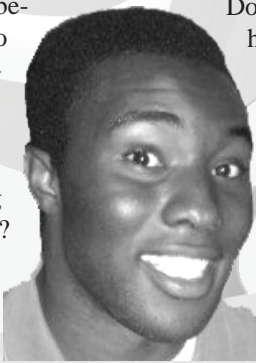
Maybe I could understand if we all went to the University of Hawaii and it’s 90 degrees on Halloween, but guess what: That’s

not the case. When it’s around 50 degrees and chilly, there’s no logical reason to be looking like a Victoria Secret model.

I know I’m not speaking for most guys, but it isn’t sexy to show the whole world your goodies.

I know I’ve been talking a lot about girls in this article, but guys can step up their costumes too. Instead of picking a costume to get a few cheap laughs, actually spend time and thought to make something creative. For example, Darren, the Op-Ed editor, went befittingly as a lumberjack. This year I went as the world renowned writer/artist Mfreke Akpaninye. There’s got to be a million other ideas besides of Adolf Hitler and members of the Taliban.

If you have any thoughts about this, or better yet, suggestions for people to use next year, don’t be afraid to let us know. That’s what we’re here for.



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# Ramjammed: Club Ultimate goes 7-1 in “Rabbit Hole”

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This past weekend was one of epic proportions for the Xavier Ultimate team.

In its sixth year of competition, the club had its best ever finish in a tournament, coming in third place out of 23 teams with a 7-1 record at Denison University’s “Back to the Rabbit Hole” disc tournament.

Losing only to Kenyon Ramjam, the club topped its previous best of a 5-2 weekend at Wright State two years ago.

Saturday was the best day in club history. The Xavier squad went 4-0, beating a solid lineup of Ohio State’s B-team, Wittenburg, Toledo and Muskingum.

XU Ultimate combined the outstanding hustle defense of junior Peter Covino and sophomore Zach Dehaemers with a strong deep game anchored by junior Chad Solik and sophomore David Cranston to finish with its first undefeated day in history.

The team’s smallest margin of victory was three points, and had a high point 15-5 win over Wittenburg.

Still, the best was yet to come on the second day of the tournament.

The team started the day with an unbelievable shutout of Denison-B, 15-0, to reach the bracket of the final eight teams.

In that bracket, the Muskies were matched up with Case Western Reserve University, which has been very successful against Xavier in the past.

The beginning of the game gave indications that Case’s domination would continue, and they jumped out to a 4-1 lead due to some mental mistakes by the Xavier team.

A smart timeout refocused the team, and Case would not see the endzone the rest of the game.

Xavier went on an 11-point run, during which a stifling defense got the patient, controlled offense a lot of time with the disc.

A couple of stellar diving plays

by Cranston, both on offense and defense, and beautiful hucks (Ultimate lingo for deep throws) by freshman Adam Baker gave the momentum, and ultimately the game, to Xavier.

The only downside to the weekend came in the loss to a deep, talented Kenyon team.

Kenyon used their speed, depth and field awareness to work Xavier’s previously stout zone defense.

Kenyon took a 14-4 lead but the Musketeers never quit.

They cut the lead to 14-9 in a display of heart and desire before the Kenyon speed proved to be too much.

Having won the third place game over Towson University, the young Xavier Ultimate team will travel again this weekend to Bowling Green, Ohio, where they hope to follow this weekend’s success with another good showing.

The writer is a member of Xavier’s club Ultimate team.



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Xavier’s club Ultimate team posted their best finish ever, finishing third in the Back to the Rabbit Hole tournament at Denison.



JOHN LAFOLLETTE  
Sports Editor

After some much-needed R and R, the Spectator is back in the hallowed pages of the Newswire, returning to pontificate in peak form.

Fans of the fastest column in sports need look no further than this week’s installment for their fix.

Speed kills, but there’s a lot of ground to cover. Here we go.

We begin with some of the worst marketing work since Michael Vick’s commercials for Puppy Chow.

The Miami Dolphins and New York Giants, two of the least talented teams in football, took their snake oil show on the road and across the pond, to plan an American football game in Her Majesty’s England.

A crowd of 81,176 filled Wembley Stadium for an inter-continental snooze fest that would have lulled actual football fans to REM sleep,

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let alone the European uninitiated that the NFL is trying to court.

The NFL’s plan might work out in the end, though; the Spectator has been wrongly short-sighted before.

After all, Europeans have always been fans of low-scoring football games.

Dallas quarterback, and future former Mr. Carrie Underwood, Tony Romo has agreed with Cowboys management to a six-year contract worth \$67.5 million.

That means that two of Drew Bledsoe’s former backups will combine to make over \$40 million in the next three seasons.

If the Spectator was in Bledsoe’s shoes, and faced his career prospects, he would hold those salaries over Romo and faux-golden boy Tom Brady until they cut him an appropriately-valued check for “services rendered.”

The Spectator is beyond excited for the upcoming college basketball season.



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The now-dominant Red Sox celebrate their second World Series in four years.

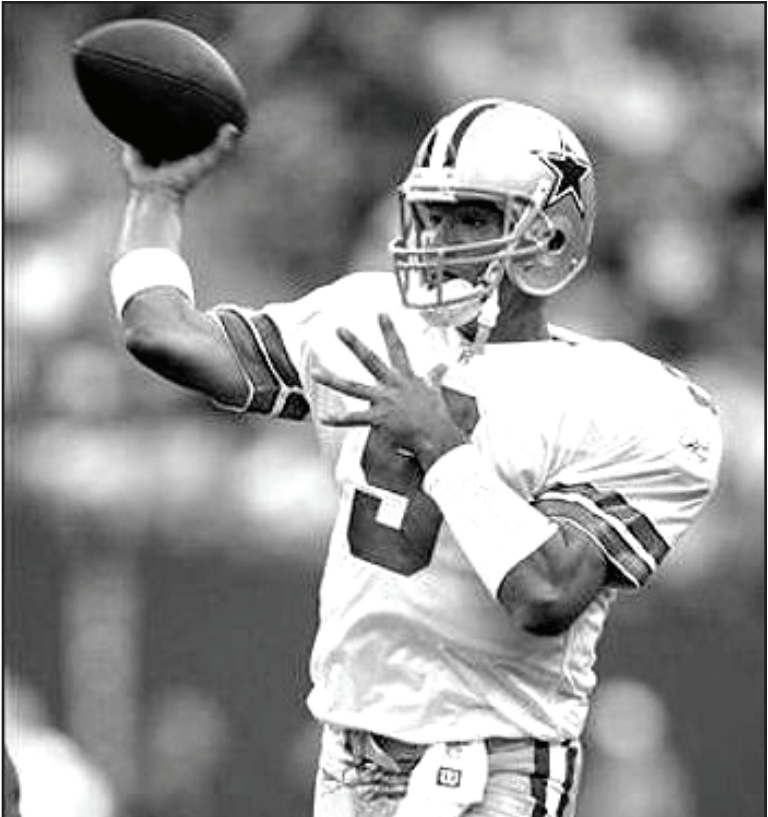


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The now-rich Tony Romo owes Drew Bledsoe a debt of gratitude.

No other sport can boast exciting matchups and contests of epic potential for an entire season.

No matter what pundits may say (with the rare exceptions of Pat Forde and the Spectator himself, because they’re careful), it’s nearly impossible to know which two teams will walk into a gym on a given night; this is the essence of competition.

With that truth in mind, the Spectator would like to remind his devoted readership of how idiotic and conference historo-centric pre-season basketball rankings are.

Seasons are shaped weeks before a single game is even played.

The Spectator is thankful that this phenomenon isn’t as pronounced as it is in college football, where clumsily anointed “experts” set up camp in a team’s corner and spend the season shamelessly promoting their pick in the proud hope of helping to fulfill their own prophecies.

Players decide who’s best; that’s why they play the games.

The Spectator’s sporting mind rests on this bedrock principle, and thus has college basketball to thank for its clarity and well-being, especially as the college football season enters the weeks of most subjectivity.

College basketball beginning also means that another grueling 162-game-plus-playoffs season of Major League Baseball has come to a close.

It seems that while the Rockies were still playing on Mountain Time, their midnight Cinderella deadline was made on Boston’s Eastern Daylight Time.

Talk of any and all Red Sox curses must immediately cease, after Boston has won two of the last four World Series and coolly accrued one of the best records in baseball over the same time period.

For this reason, Terry Francona should be known as the manager of this century, having assembled a rag-tag pack of strays, turning it into a championship team, losing key players and winning another

Series three years later.

It’s not like anyone noticed, though, what for the media bombardment of all things Yankees dating back to the end of the regular season.

A team that is loaded with talent and bows out of the playoffs in the first round is a good subject for a news story.

That that team subsequently loses one manager and hires another is not news, especially when other, better teams are still playing.

The historical legacy of the Yankees is overshadowing their present underperformance, at least in media coverage.

If Notre Dame’s football team had any talent, a comparison with the pinstripe phenomenon would be inevitable.

The Spectator is most certainly aware that such a gripe is essentially a beef with baseball’s labor agreement, namely in that it dastardly lacks a salary cap to the detriment of smaller markets, but that’s for another column. Selah!



# The woes of being a princess

EMILY HOFERER

Arts & Entertainment Editor

A few years ago on a regular Monday night, I was babysitting my two cousins who are 4 and 7 years old. We were having regular little girl conversations, so of course we brought up our favorite Disney princesses. I was shocked and appalled to hear from both of them that their favorite Disney princess was Ariel.

Don't get me wrong, I think "The Little Mermaid" is a great movie, but as far as I'm concerned Ariel is the weakest and flimsiest Disney princess of them all. Even more so than Snow White and Sleeping Beauty...and they spent a good portion of their respective movies asleep!

Ariel is a 16-year-old mermaid who prefers exploring to the daily duties of being the daughter of King Triton. Her story is basically this: She falls in love with a human prince, exchanges her voice for some legs with an evil sea witch, gets into some trouble on land,



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sion? My parents would have murdered me. Plus, when I was 16 there was no one worthy of marriage because we were 16 and we didn't know anything about life! Ariel may be a mischievous mermaid, but she has little life experience.

If I was Ariel and I got a pair of legs, I'd walk them all over Europe, or go to college or become a really good track runner and participate in the Olympics.

And what does she even know about Prince Eric? Sure, he is handsome and obviously loves his dog, but she has little-to-no deep interaction

with this guy before she decides that she is head over heels in love with him.

For all she knows, Prince Eric could have commitment issues, impotency, a crazy family, herpes, il-

legitimate children or he could be a huge jerk and completely stupid. He did sail a ship during hurricane season. Hello! C'mon Prince Eric, you should know better.

Ariel trades in her beautiful singing voice for some legs and then pursues her man. Bravo to her for taking some initiative, but why couldn't Prince Eric come and find her?

She could get Scuttle to help her strike up a correspondence with him and then he could find an apothecary on land and take a potion so he could sprout some gills and join her under the sea. Why does she have to do all the work?

And how can you possibly get to know someone if you can't speak to them? Part of developing a relationship is sharing things about oneself. Ariel can't laugh, sing, scream, whisper sweet nothings to him and most importantly, she can't speak her mind.

There are plenty of other Disney princesses to look up to. Cinderella defies her evil family relations, Jasmine has quite the attitude and Belle reads books!

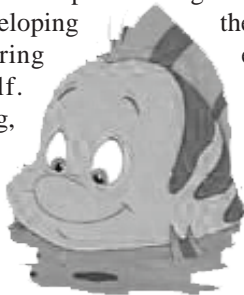
Belle is a great princess to admire. She is not only intelligent from all her reading, but she also has enough good sense to tell a real ego-maniac like Gaston to shove off. Never once does Belle compromise who she is. She does everything with kindness and love. She is able to look inside the beast

and see the loving prince underneath the bitter, harsh, hairy exterior.

If girls are going to admire any Disney female lead, it should be Mulan. She kicks butt, literally. Not only does she save her father from dying in the army, she saves the entire nation of China from some freaky and truly sadistic Huns. She shows true courage to leave her parents and do what is right. She is constantly determined to help her nation. Without her, they'd all be dead. Plus, Mulan goes against the grain. She is not the dainty woman her culture expects her to be. Instead of conforming to it, she goes above it and defies what a woman in China is supposed to be. Plus, she gets to go home to a hot Chinese cartoon character every night.

What do you think happens to these women when their movies end? Belle is probably teaching young children to read and love books, as well as being a loving mother and wife. That is a very admirable occupation. Mulan is a national hero, so she probably got to participate in the emperor's political arena, wrote a bestseller and paved the way for women all over China. Ariel is probably sitting in a grand dining room accidentally eating Flounder.

Smile while you still can, Flounder.



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"Beauty and the Beast" was nominated for Best Picture in 1992. It is the only Disney movie to ever be nominated in that category. They won for Best Original Song and Best Score.



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# Affleck’s ‘Baby’ here to stay

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“Gone Baby Gone” based on a novel written by Denis Lehane is about a 4-year-old girl, Amanda Creary, who goes missing from the blue collar Dorchester neighborhood of Boston.

The girl’s worried uncle hires two private investigators, Patrick Kenzie (Casey Affleck) and Angie Gennaro, (Michelle Monaghan) to find out what has happened to his niece.

As the media catches hold of the abduction case, the investigators are forced to team up with detectives Remy Bressant (Ed Harris), Nick Poole (John Ashton) and the chief of police Jack Doyle (Morgan Freeman), who does not hide his disgust at the detectives involvement.

As clues are pried out of people, we learn that the girl’s drug addicted mom, Helene (Amy Ryan) took her on a drug run where she and her boyfriend ripped off a local drug lord.

The team fears that the kingpin may have taken the girl as ransom. Their other suspects include the local pedophile who was recently released or a psychotic killer on the



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Ben Affleck may be a better director than an actor.

loose. As the clues are investigated, they all turn up empty as no trace of Amanda is found.

As the mom’s story keeps filling up with holes, they soon find more clues that lead to brutally beaten bodies, convicted felons and drug infested slums.

This movie deals a lot with the abuse of children by adults, whether it’s through direct physical or sexual abuse, or neglect.

As the search for Amanda is given up and she is presumed dead, detective Kenzie just can’t let go. He backtracks through all the evidence, beating himself up over what went wrong. What he finds will shock you as the unexpected truth is brought out.

Producer and director Ben Affleck takes the audience on a twisty, bumpy road where we are forced to question what is right or wrong. It

will make you cry, cringe and even writhe in agony as the fine line of ethics is blurred.

The cast is incredible, even Ben Affleck’s little brother (Casey Affleck) gives a stellar performance. Morgan Freeman, as always, lends a sophisticated and classy touch to any movie that he is a part of. Newcomer Amy Ryan should win an award for the most hated supporting actress as she really gets into her role, to the point where the audience is rooting against her.

This drama is rated R for violence, drug content and pervasive language. It is a definite must see movie — you will never guess how it all turns out!

## Gone Baby Gone

**Starring:** Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan

**Rated:** R

**Newswire Official Rating:**



## Creative Carvings



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Congratulations to Sarah Green and Christian Sese for their creative pumpkin carving efforts during Ryan’s Pub pumpkin carving contest on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Both won a \$25 gift certificate to the bookstore and a Ryan’s Pub T-shirt.

Ten students participated in the contest, and were given one hour to use their creative talents to clean out and carve a pumpkin. “We are very pleased with the turn out of the event,” said Jermain Manago, supervisor at Ryan’s Pub. “We look forward to hosting the event again next year.”

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## Live Wires

Wednesday, Oct.31

**The Whigs** \$10  
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Friday, Nov. 2

**New Found Glory** \$20  
@Bogarts

Saturday, Nov. 3

**Sammy Hagar** \$50  
@ Taft Theater

Wednesday, Nov. 7

**David Crowder band** \$22  
@ Bogarts

## New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or after October 30 ..

**Britney Spears** *Blackout* (Jive) ... **Backstreet Boys** *Unbreakable* (Jive) ... **Josh Turner** *Everything Is Fine* (MCA Nashville) ... **Baby Bash** *Cyclone* (Arista).

...All dates are tentative

## BRIEFS

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## American-Indian Month

Celebrate American-Indian history month by experiencing Native American spirit, culture and history. Join the Piscataway Indian Nation Singers and Dancers as they perform American Indian dance, drum and song. The event will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 in the GSC atrium.

## Halloween dance

Gentleman Organized for Achievement and Leadership will be hosting the Monster’s Ball Halloween Dance from 9:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. on Oct. 31 at Cintas Center Banquet Room One. Free admission and prizes will be awarded to the best male and female costume.

## Homecoming dance

Dance the night away at Xavier’s Homecoming Dance from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 in Cintas. Tickets for the James Bond theme dance are selling out fast, get them at the SAC office in the GSC for \$5.

## “Into The Woods”

Support the XU Music Dept. as they present “Into the Woods” a musical at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1-2, 2:30 p.m and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 3, and 5 p.m. on Nov. 4 in the GSC Theater. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$15 for general admission.

## Scholarship brunch

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be hosting the Rebecca Sewell-Cummings Scholarship brunch, where one lucky student will win a book sholarship at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Vernon Manor. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for others and may be purchased in the OMA office.





WEDNESDAY

October 31

Inspired by the action-packed, adventurous life I live, I've decided to dedicate this week to secret agents who kick butt, take names and always get the babes.

So, loyal Calendar Citizens, this week shall be a manual-a challenge, if you will. You will be given many options for badarse-ness (I don't know if I can say the three letter word for butt, so I'll say arse) that you may or may not accept.

Each day will hold a new adventure...so hold tight to your form-fitted, plaid bellbottoms, you crazy hippies, because here we go (like the N\*SYNC song! LOLZ! OMG! THYE'RE LIKE SO HAND-SOME!!! LOLZZZZZ!!!@!@!@)

Your first mission, should you choose to accept it, involves capturing a small woodland creature.

You will want to begin by leaving your apartment wearing a wacky Halloween costume so you'll fit in with the locals. Make sure you go to Victory Perk wearing your costume, because you'll get a discount on your drink. And it's delicious.

After you're caffeinated in the GSC, quietly sneak into the room on the first floor with the vending machines. There are often many pleasantly plump people waiting at the new ice cream vending machine.

One of these people will not actually be fat. You'll know who because they will wink twice at you. Oh, and they'll be wearing a self-inflating fat suit. Inside the suit, they will have a squirrel named Terrance. Terrance is our informant. He works for us.

Calendar City

By Briana Hansen. To place an item in the calendar, mail to hansenb@xavier.edu.

THURSDAY

November 1

When you get Terrance from the fat suit psycho, do not look him in the eyes. Terrance has some anger issues we're working through...

Gently place him in the Disney Princess tote bag we provided you. When you get back to your base, you may take him out and ask him questions.

You must only speak in squirrel! This is very important! Otherwise, Terrance will run across Dana Avenue and, as is the fate for most who attempt to cross the insanely busy intersection, will likely not return.

When he does give you answers, reward him by taking him to see "Into the Woods" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the GSC Theater.

FRIDAY

November 2

Terrance should have a time and drop-off station. Once he has given you the information, you have two choices.

You can either take him to see "Into the Woods" again tonight at the same time and same place, or you can paint his nails bright pink.

Though I don't care what you choose, I will warn you squirrel nails are extremely difficult to paint. The choice is yours.



Thanks for reading this garble. P.S. I am not a crackpot.

Make sure you are at the drop-off place Terrance told you about. Dress like a rabbit so you aren't suspected. There will be a chipmunk there named Theodore with a major inferiority complex. Whatever you do, do NOT call him Alvin!

When you have Theodore in your sight, do what you must to capture him. When he's captured, find out the location of the treasure nicknamed "Bluebird." Bring both the treasure and Theodore to us.

Warning: There will be a beautiful woman accompanying Theodore. You'll know who she is immediately because she'll be wearing a bikini and walking slowly out of the water, like every single woman who's ever been in an action-adventure film.

She's just as dangerous as she is beautiful. Use your stellar charms and woo your way into her heart and gain her trust.

If we can get her on our side, we can make her fat and ugly, thereby evening out the playing field a little bit for the rest of us "normies."

SATURDAY

November 3

If you've made it to Saturday, you've lived a lot longer than we ever expected. Well done. You should reward yourself by going to see "Into the Woods" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the GSC Theater.

There will be a dance tonight from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the Cintas Center. It is entitled Homecoming and the theme is very similar to the lifestyle you live, you secret agent studmuffin.

You could also go see the Xavier Club Hockey team play at the Cincinnati Gardens tonight.

You may choose to do any of these...or you may choose to accept this next mission I have for you and live the real secret agent life.

SUNDAY

November 4

The mission is simple: You must learn Swahili, infiltrate the embassy of Mumbatututiti, find the raccoon wizard and learn his secrets.

First, if you want to prepare for this mission, I shall allow you one more chance to see "Into the Woods" at 7:30 p.m. in the GSC Theater.

Now, it's time to train for your big mission. [Insert a montage here of you doing all sorts of wacky things in order to prepare.]

MONDAY

November 5

Finally, the montage is over and you're ready to begin. Your first step (since I assume you've already learned Swahili) is to get to the embassy of Mumbatututiti. You'll have to swim all the way there. You're a secret agent...you can do it.

We'll provide you with a band of dolphins that will help you once you're in neutral waters. The dolphin leader's name is Freckles. He loves to be scratched behind the ears.

Freckles and the others are highly trained and understand the importance of secrecy. Yet, their secrecy only applies to matters of state importance. Make sure not to talk about petty issues...they're wicked gossips. Once you're on the shore of Mumbatututiti, simply walk into the first building on the left past the KFC. There are only three buildings in Mumbatututiti, yet we've lost more secret agents to that KFC than I ever want to admit.

TUESDAY

November 6

Once you're in, ask the man at the front desk for "Mr. Biggles," jump up and down three times, and scratch the left side of your nose. You'll be taken to the secret lair of the raccoon wizard, Reginald.

He won't want to talk at first, but if you ask about his mother, Regina, he'll break down. Once he's vulnerable, steal his wand and his book of potions. In it contains a fantastic recipe for pumpkin pie. I need it for Thanksgiving. Thanks.



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